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**NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
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(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

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International application No. PCT/JP99/04978	International filing date (day/month/year) 10 September 1999 (10.09.99)
International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 14 September 1998 (14.09.98)
Applicant FUJISAWA PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD. et al	

- The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
- This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.
- An asterisk(*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
- The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which was not received by the International Bureau or which the applicant did not request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau, as provided by Rule 17.1(a) or (b), respectively. In such a case, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
14 Sept 1998 (14.09.98)	PP5841	AU	27 Sept 1999 (27.09.99)

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PWO - 18725	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/JP 99/04978	International filing date (day/month/year) 10/09/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 14/09/1998
Applicant FUJISAWA PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD et. al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 8 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

2. ☒ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

NEW USE OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS FOR MMP-MEDIATED DISEASES

5. With regard to the abstract,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☐ None of the figures.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 4, 6, 9
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Remark: Although claims 4, 6, 9
are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal
body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged
effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: -
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such
an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
See FURTHER INFORMATION SHEET PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all
searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment
of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report
covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is
restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A new use of immunosuppressant for treating or preventing MMP-mediated diseases is provided.

The preferred immunosuppressants are tacrolimus, cyclosporin A or 33-epi-chloro-33-desoxyascomycin (pimecrolimus).

Particularly, preferable MMP-mediated diseases are the diseases or conditions caused by gelatinase and/or collagenase, and/or inflammatory diseases concerned with gelatinase; such as arthritis (e.g., osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, etc.), cerebral diseases (e.g., stroke, etc.), tissue ulceration (e.g., corneal, epidermal and gastric ulceration, etc.), abnormal wound healing, periodontal diseases, bone diseases (e.g., Paget's diseases, osteoporosis, etc.), tumor growth, tumor metastasis or invasion, HIV-infection, decubitus, decubitus ulcer, restenosis, epidermolysis bullosa, sepsis, septic shock, neoplasm, psoriasis, neovascularization and multiple sclerosis.

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International Application No.

JP 99/04978

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61K31/435 A61K38/13

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	KATO, TAKASHI: "Effect of immunosuppressant drug (FK 506 and cyclosporin) on gingival fibroblasts" NIPPON SHISHUBYO GAKKAI KAISHI (1995), 37(2), 211-223, 1995, XP000905245 abstract	1-9
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- *&* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

2 May 2000

Date of mailing of the international search report

19/05/2000

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	ARITA, C. ET AL: "Inhibition by FK506 of established lesions of collagen-induced arthritis in rats" CLIN. EXP. IMMUNOL. (1990), 82(3), 456-61 1990, XP000904902 abstract	1-9
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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	MROWIETZ, U. ET AL: "The novel ascomycin derivative SDZ ASM 981 is effective for psoriasis when used topically under occlusion" BR. J. DERMATOL. (1998), 139(6), 992-996 , 1998, XP000904979 abstract; figure 1	1-7
X	BUTCHER, STEVEN P. ET AL: "Neuroprotective actions of FK506 in experimental stroke: in vivo evidence against an antiexcitotoxic mechanism" J. NEUROSCI. (1997), 17(18), 6939-6946 , 1997, XP000904977 abstract	1-9
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X	SANDBORN, WILLIAM J.: "Preliminary report on the use of oral tacrolimus (FK506) in the treatment of complicated proximal small bowel and fistulizing Crohn's disease" AM. J. GASTROENTEROL. (1997), 92(5), 876-879 ,1997, XP000905061 abstract	1-9
X	HISANAGA ET AL: "Implication of nitric oxide synthase activity in the genesis of water immersion-stress induced gastric lesions in rats: the protective effects of FK-506" ALIMENTARY PHARMACOLOGY & THERAPEUTICS, GB, BLACKWELL SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS LTD., CAMBRIDGE, vol. 10, no. 10, 1996, pages 933-940-940, XP002108980 ISSN: 0269-2813 abstract	1-9
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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 93 18048 A (PFIZER) 16 September 1993 (1993-09-16) abstract page 2, line 10 -page 5, line 23 -----	1-7
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X	US 5 352 671 A (BAUMANN KARL ET AL) 4 October 1994 (1994-10-04) abstract column 25, line 49 -column 26, line 60; example 66A column 1, line 5 -----	1-9

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Present claims 1-7,9 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds specifically mentioned in the claims, with due regard to the general idea underlying the present application.

Present claims 1-9 relate to compounds defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely immunosuppressant property. The claims cover all compounds/uses having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compounds by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the products/compounds specifically mentioned in the claims.

The Present claims 1-9 relate to a method/use defined (inter alia) by reference to the following parameter(s):
P1: MMP production inhibitor/ treating MMP-mediated disease.
The use of these parameters in the present context is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. It is impossible to compare the parameters the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible. Consequently, the search has been restricted to the "More preferable MMP-mediated diseases" (Cf. page 15 of the description), with due regard to preferable MMP-mediated diseases.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 4,6,9 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

International Application No

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		LV 11621 B	20-04-1997
		NZ 235991 A	26-05-1993
		ZA 9009024 A	29-07-1992

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 01 May 2000 (01.05.00)	
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Applicant YAMAMOTO, Nobuchika et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:



in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

03 April 2000 (03.04.00)



in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 09 May 2000 (09.05.00)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference PWO-18725	
International application No. PCT/JP99/04978	International filing date (day/month/year) 10 September 1999 (10.09.99)

1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

☒ the applicant ☒ the inventor ☐ the agent ☐ the common representative

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2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning:

☐ the person ☒ the name ☐ the address ☐ the nationality ☐ the residence

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3. Further observations, if necessary:

4. A copy of this notification has been sent to:

☒ the receiving Office ☐ the designated Offices concerned
☐ the International Searching Authority ☒ the elected Offices concerned
☐ the International Preliminary Examining Authority ☐ other:

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PWO - 18725		FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/JP99/04978	International filing date (day/month/year) 10/09/1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 14/09/1998	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A61K31/435			
Applicant FUJISAWA PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD et. al.			

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.


2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 03/04/2000	Date of completion of this report 29.11.2000
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/JP99/04978

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).):*

Description, pages:

1-21 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-9 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-9
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-9
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-2 4-6, 8, 9 (see separate sheet section V, 4th paragraph)

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The documents cited in the International Search Report are numbered D1 to D8 in the order of their listing in said Search Report. Unless otherwise indicated, reference is made to the passages cited in said Search Report.

The present application does not satisfy the criterion set forth in Articles 33(2) and 33(3) PCT because the subject-matter of Claims 1 to 9 is not new in respect of prior art as defined in the regulations (Rule 64(1)-(3) PCT) and does not involve an inventive step (Rule 65(1)(2) PCT).

D1 discloses the effect of an immunosuppressant drug (FK 506 and cyclosporin) on gingival fibroblasts. D2 discloses that the immunosuppressant FK506 selectively inhibits expression of early T cell activation genes. D3 discloses the inhibition of established lesions of collagen-induced arthritis in rats by FK 506. D4 discloses CP-123,369, a potent orally active immunosuppressive agent with efficacy comparable to that of cyclosporin A and FK-506 inhibited human T cell proliferation with an $IC_{50} = 10.4nM$. D5 discloses the inhibition of interleukin 6 production by adherent rheumatoid synovial cells by FK 506. D7 discloses the effect of FK 506 on arthritis development. D8 discloses the anti-ulcer effect of FK 506 whereas D9 discloses that FK 506 and cyclosporin inhibit growth factor-stimulated human keratinocyte proliferation by blocking cells in the G0/G1 phases of the cell cycle. D10 teaches that the novel ascomycin derivative SDZ ASM 981 is effective for psoriasis when used topically under occlusion (T cell activation is crucial in the pathogenesis of psoriasis). D11 discloses the neuroprotective action of FK506, in experimental stroke. D12, D13 and D14 disclose the effect of tacrolimus hydrate (FK506) on the healing process of experimental gastric ulcers of rats and in the treatment of complicated proximal small bowel and fistulizing Crohn's disease. D15 relates to a drug combination approach to reduce the toxicity of MMP Inhibitor and/or Cyclosporin A administration in particular wherein the cyclosporin is selected from Cy A and FK506. D16 and D17 disclose macrolides of formula (I) as active immunosuppressants and are useful in treating autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and psoriasis in a mammal and for the treatment of resistance to transplantation and fungal infection. D18 discloses a pharmaceutical composition

comprising an immunosuppressive compound selected from Tacrolimus, cyclosporin A, deoxyspergualin or rapamycin or combination thereof. D19 discloses compounds of formula I which possess interesting pharmacological activity as antiinflammatory, immunosuppressant, antiproliferative and chemotherapeutic drug resistance reversing agents. The compound 33-epi-33chloro-FR 520 (compound of example 66a) is preferred.

For the assessment of the present claims 1-2, 4-6, 8 and 9 on the question whether they are industrially applicable, no unified criteria exist in the PCT Contracting States. The patentability can also be dependent upon the formulation of the claims. The EPO, for example, does not recognize as industrially applicable the subject-matter of claims to the use of a compound in medical treatment or the subject-matter of claims to a method for the treatment of the human or animal body by therapy or surgery, but may allow, however, claims to a known compound for first use in medical treatment and the use of such a compound for the manufacture of a medicament for a new medical treatment.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

Claim 9 claims at the same time a use, an agent, a method and a pharmaceutical composition and leaves the reader in doubt as to the category of the claim, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claim unclear (Article 6 PCT).

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
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(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
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2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:
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3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on
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